

approved 9/30/15

RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

9:00 A.M.

65 Shun Pike
Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Joseph White, Treasurer and Governance Subcommittee Chair
Geri-Ann DiPaolo, Governance Subcommittee Member
Lori Ann Pezzullo, Recycling Subcommittee Member
Jeanne Boyle, Finance Subcommittee Member
Judith Kawa, Recycling Subcommittee Member
Jared Rhodes, (for Commissioner DiBiase)

Absent

Michael Sabitori, Chair and Ad-Hoc on all Subcommittees
Geoffrey Kirkman, Vice Chair and Recycling Subcommittee Chair
Charles Lombardi, Finance Subcommittee Member
Michael DiBiase, Finance and Governance Subcommittee Member

Staff Present

Mike OConnell, Executive Director and Secretary
Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering
Gary Maddocks, Chief of Security and Maintenance
Christine Jocelyn, HR Director
Nancy Minson, HR Coordinator
Dean Huff, Chief Financial Officer
Lori Perron, Director of Purchasing
Sarah Reeves, Director of Public Policy, Planning and Programs
Marcel Lussier, MRF Materials Coordinator

Others Present

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporters
Joe Rodio, Jr., Rodio & Ursillo
Doug Wilson, Broadrock
Patrick Ellis, Casella Organics
T. Lindsay D'Anna, Casella Organics

Call to Order

Commissioner White called the meeting to order at 8:57 A.M. Roll Call taken followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Items

1. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve regular session meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes from 6/24/15 made by Commissioner Rhodes and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 6-0.

2. Executive Director's Update

Resource Recovery's pension plan has been restated. Employee meetings were held and ran smoothly. A Voluntary Compliance letter will be filed with the IRS on August 31st, which will generate a determination letter from the IRS, approving the plan. This takes about 6 to 12 months.

We have some key projects going on right now. Most are related to the cell construction. There is a lot of activity where the Phase VI expansion will occur. Phase VI will be ready to start receiving trash around this time next year. We will accept soft municipal trash first and then eventually take commercial waste. Phase V will remain open for a while longer and will be capped within the next one to two and a half years.

We are going to relocate some things from our Superfund site, and relocate a pump station that services the Johnston Community.

Corruption cases back from 2008 are just about finished up. One case is left with an accounting firm, and it will be going to trial the week of September 14th unless something happens between now and mid-September.

The State of RI is working on energy prices, and we are piggybacking on that. Lori Perron did a good job to get us on that. If we like the rates, we can lock them in. If we do not like rates, we don't have to lock them. Secured rates are 13 cents. We are hopeful that we can tap into some cheaper electricity prices over the next couple of years.

3. New Contracts

None.

4. Contract Increases or Extensions

None.

5. Other Business

a. Approval of Proposed Rule Re: Tip Fee Increase

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners endorses the Executive Director to commence the rule making process using the proposed municipal solid waste

disposal fee pricing structure and procedure. This rule may be revised based on feedback from the upcoming four regional workshops and public hearing. The final rule, including any revisions, to be approved by the board prior to actual implementation. Motion made to approve made by Commissioner Kawa and seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Passed 6-0.

b. Adopt Final By-Laws

Joe Rodio, Jr. asked the board to inquire if the rule coordinator received any comments during the public hearing comment period. OConnell stated that we did not. Motion made to approve made by Commissioner Kawa and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 6-0.

c. Casella Organics Compost Update

Patrick Ellis and T. Lindsay D'Anna of Casella Organics gave a presentation to the board. Casella Organics has been working with Brian Card for almost 4 years with the compost marketing program. Their product line includes 40 different materials and their facility in Maine produces about 80,000 cubic yards of compost a year. Over the last 3 ½ years, Casella has paid the Corporation roughly \$300,000 in dividends.

Casella has plans to use Resource Recovery's compost in a bag program. This program will hopefully create an opportunity for new markets and engage more people, particularly locally, to get them excited about the good work that the Corporation is doing.

6. Next Regular Meeting Date

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Rhodes. Passed 6-0.

Adjourned at 9:47 A.M.